

5. **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSION FOR CALIFORNIA CITIES**

Source: League Public Safety Policy Committee

Referred To: Public Safety Policy Committee

Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, emergency management is a basic responsibility of city government and a fundamental duty of all city employees; and

WHEREAS, prepared, disaster resilient communities save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, promote economic stability, and rapid recovery; and

WHEREAS, employees who have a family plan and supplies will be more likely to stay at work or come to work after an emergency incident; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides guidelines and requirements to ensure a national coordinated emergency response system, including training requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) provides the foundation for California cities to ensure a state-wide coordinated, standardized emergency response system. SEMS is intended to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of all emergency responders in California; and

WHEREAS, emergency managers are responsible for promoting and encouraging personal, family and community preparedness and readiness. It is critical to focus on and support public education and training to ensure that the public understands that government entities may need time to recover from disaster situations, and to spread the message that disaster resilience, or the ability to recover from a disaster situation, requires participation from the whole community; and

WHEREAS, The League of California Cities (League) recognizes that cities, counties and the state do not have the reserves to support residents with food, water, and other necessary supplies after an "emergency event". Now, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, at the League General Assembly, assembled at the League Annual Conference on September 7, 2012, in San Diego, that the League encourages cities to actively pursue employee and resident emergency preparedness. In addition, the League encourages cities to actively engage residents in emergency preparedness programs that promote creating a family plan, including having supplies of food and water, in the promotion of self-reliance.

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League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 5

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Committee: Public Safety Policy Committee

Summary:

This Resolution seeks to create a clear statement of support for emergency preparedness in the League of California Cities existing policy and guiding principles. Specifically, it requests that the League encourages cities to actively pursue employee and resident emergency preparedness and to engage residents in

emergency preparedness programs that promote creating a family plan, that includes provisions for supplies of food and water, in the promotion of self-reliance, with the ultimate goal of creating "disaster resilient" cities.

Background:

This resolution was brought to the Public Safety Policy Committee by that committee's Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee to create a clear statement of support for emergency response, management, and recovery efforts as a community. While the League has extensive policy that supports related activities, there is no explicit statement of support in the existing policy or guiding principles.

In addition, numerous articles in *Western City Magazine*, the League's monthly publication, have featured case studies and best practices about emergency response and disaster preparedness. This topic has been a key component of the Public Safety Committee's work program for the last five years.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown. This Resolution does not seek to create new requirements for the League or cities. Possible costs to cities that take steps to educate community members about disaster preparedness could be off-set by future limited damage and loss of life or injury due to those preparedness efforts.

Existing League Policy:

Related to this Resolution, existing policy provides:

The League supports the 2-1-1 California telephone service as a non-emergency, human and community services and disaster information resource.

The League supports "Good Samaritan" protections that include both medical and non-medical care when applicable to volunteer emergency, law enforcement, and disaster recovery personnel. The League also supports providing "Good Samaritan" protections to businesses that voluntarily place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on their premises to reduce barriers to AED accessibility.

The League supports activities to develop and implement statewide integrated public safety communication systems that facilitate interoperability and other shared uses of public safety spectrum with local state and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and other public safety agencies.

The League supports a single, efficient, performance-based state department (the California Emergency Management Agency) to be responsible for overseeing and coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery and homeland security activities.

The League supports disaster recovery legislation that includes mitigation for losses experienced by local government.

The League's Mission Statement is "to expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians."

In addition, the Strategic Priorities for 2012, as adopted by the League Board of Directors, are to:

1) **Support Sustainable and Secure Public Employee Pensions and Benefits:** Work in partnership with state leaders and other stakeholders to promote sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEBs) to help ensure responsive and affordable public services for the people of our state and cities.

2) **Promote Local Control for Strong Cities:** Support or oppose legislation and proposed constitutional amendments based on whether they advance maximum local control by city governments over city revenues,

land use, redevelopment and other private activities to advance the public health, safety and welfare of city residents.

3) Build Strong Partnerships for a Stronger Golden State: Collaborate with other public and private groups and leaders to reform the structure and governance, and promote transparency, fiscal integrity, and responsiveness of our state government and intergovernmental system.

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RESOLUTION REFERRED TO REVENUE AND TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEE

- ♦1 **A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CORRECT INEFFICIENCIES IN THE AUDIT SYSTEM, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND INEQUITIES IN THE FORMULAS FOR DISTRIBUTING COURT ORDERED ARREST AND CITATION FINES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS GENERATED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

Resolution #1 also referred to Public Safety Policy Committee. Please see Public Safety Policy Committee section for the resolution, background and staff analysis information.